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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CHILE.

IQUIQUE—Plague Conditions.

Consul Hanna reports, April 12:

During the three months ended March 31, 1910, there were 69 cases of plague, with 21 deaths at Iquique.

Bubonic plague is endemic at Iquique, the number of cases increasing in the months of March, April, and May, the season of humidity between the hot weather of December, January, and February and the succeeding season of cold weather when the disease again declines. The percentage of deaths from plague is not high except among the poorer classes. Disinfection of infected houses is carried out and effects are burned or disinfected.

Rats are numerous in Iquique, and although measures of extermination are applied on request of householders the construction of the wooden houses in the city prevents an effective campaign for rat destruction.

CHINA.

AMOY—Plague—Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Moorhead reports, April 12 and 21:

During the week ended April 16, a death from pneumonic plague occurred in the international settlement of Kulangsu. The patient was a foreign physician who acquired the infection from a fatal case of pneumonic plague in a Chinese, which he had been attending. The physician died on the fourth day of illness. Examination of the sputum showed plague bacilli. All persons in immediate attendance on this case were inoculated with Haffkine serum. No further cases have developed.

Week ended April 9. Supplemental bill of health issued to steamship *Kaifong*, for Cebu and Manila, with 57 in crew and 29 cabin and 21 steerage passengers. Week ended April 16. Bill of health issued to steamship *Yingchow*, for Manila, with 53 in crew and 11 cabin and 91 steerage passengers. All passengers on these vessels were vaccinated. The crews were bathed, and their clothing was disinfected with steam. All were examined immediately prior to sailing. Two passengers by the steamship *Yingchow* were held for trachoma. Manifests were viséed for 164 and 218 packages of freight, respectively.

HONGKONG—Smallpox—Inspection of Vessels.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, April 5 and 12:

Quarantine restrictions enforced by and against Hongkong remain as reported March 26.

During the week ended April 9, 3 cases of smallpox with 2 deaths were reported.